Third World Archaeological Congress

2810. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are facing problems in holding the Third World Archaeological Conference in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Third World Archaeological Congress at Delhi has since concluded.

(b) Does not arise.

Effect on New Economic Policy on Education System

2811. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive study has been made by Government with regard to the impact of the New Economic Policy and the Structural Adjustment Programme on the education system in the country being carried out under the World Bank and IMF;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to achieve the Education Policy goals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In pursuance of National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, several programmes have been launched with a view to improving access to, retention in and quality of education. Since 1991-92, there has been a significant step up in allocation for education, particularly in plan allocations for elementary and adult education.

Official Tours Abroad by Principal TTTI, Chennai

2812. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Principal, Technical Teachers' Training Institute, Chennai went abroad on official trips during the last 3 years.

(b) if so, how much expenditure was incurred from Government funds on those foreign trips; and

(c) whether any specific contribution was made to the development of TTTI Chennai by the Principal out of his official foreign tours?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Principal, Technical Teachers' Training Institute, Chennai had been abroad twice during the last three years. On the first occasion, he went to Spain to present a paper on 'Environmental Pollution' and chair two technical sessions in an International Conference. A sum of Rs. 1.10 lakhs was spent by TTTI, Chennai for this purpose from the budget.

On the second occasion, he went to Canada under the Canada-India Institutional Cooperation Project for an awareness programme in environmental education and to develop plans to establish a centre for the environmental studies at TTTI, Chennai. Entire expenditure for this tour was borne by the project

Professional development through international contacts always helps the Institute in furthering the sphere of activities.

Reviving TTTI, Chennai

2813. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of the Department of Science in the Technical Teachers Training Institute (TTTI), Chennai has been lying idle and closed with a lot of sophiesticated equipments; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government have taken any initiative to bring the Institute back to working conditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b): The facilities of the Department of Science in the TTTI. Chennai are not lying idle. These are being used for organising short term courses by the Institute.

Astro-Turf for Hockey Ground in Gujarat

2814. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 52 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted Rs. 87 lacs for laying Astro-turf for hockey grounds at Gandhinagar, (Gujarat);

(b) whether it is true that the money has not so far been utilised for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) No, Sir. However, Astro-turf for hockey ground at Gandhinagar was completed in November, 1988 by the Sports Authority of India out of its budget.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Decrease in the Strength of Technical Teachers in TTTI Chennai

2815. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of excellent facilities provided for imparting Technical Teachers Training in TTTI Chennai to 200 Technical Teachers Trainees for long term courses per year, the present strength has gone down to 52 teachers only;

(b) if so, whether Government have been informed about the fact of decreased strength prevailing for a number of years; and

(c) what steps were taken by Government to improve the teachers training programmes and measures taken to increase the maximum inputs to realize the huge expenses out of public money?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) There has been a downward trend in the number of trainees for long term courses of all Technical Teachers Training Institutes (TTTIs) in the country. However, apart from the long term courses, the TTTIs are offering a large number of short term courses, special courses, training programmes for overseas technical and vocational teachers, training of trainers from Government organisations and industry etc. Thus the facilities of these institutes are being utilised to the maximum extent possible.

Sports Complexes in Rajasthan

2816. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up more sports complexes to encourage sports activities in different parts of the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are Government's plans to improve India's performance in the field of international sports which has been extremely unsatisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure being implemented in the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, the State Governments are entitled to seek assistance, on matching basis for a District Level Sports Complex, a Sports Project Development Area (SPDA) Centre or a State Level Sports Training Complex. During the last three years beginning from 1-4-92, seventeen such complexes have been considered. In the case of Rajasthan final instalment of Rs. 1 crore out of the approved Central assistance of Rs. 2 crore, was release during 1993-94 for the State Level Sports Complex.

The details of other Sports Complexes considered during the last three years are given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) Government has taken following steps recently to improve India's performance in the field of international sports;

(i) The Schemes of Sports Authority of India for grooming talented young children are being streamlined.

(ii) Sports Academics are being established in selected disciplines in coordination with National Sports Federations. Public and Private sector undertakings and Sports Authority India.

(iii) National Sports Federations have been asked to prepare long term development plans for the Olympics and Asian Games.

(iv) Guidelines for giving assistance and encouragement to National Sports Federations are being revised with a view to achieve clear demarcation and identification of the role and responsibility of the involved agencies.

Statement

Sl. No.	Nature of facility
1.	SPDA Centre at Phulbani (Orissa)
2.	SPDA Centre at Madikere (Karnataka)
3.	SPDA Centre at Salem (Tamil Nadu)